

RABBIT ISLANDS WILL BE CENTER OF PEACE TREATY

Small Groups, Are Strategic
Points and Will Figure
In Negotiations.

Constantinople, Sept. 9.—A content for the possession of Rabbit, Imbros, Tenedos, and Lemnos islands, is bound to be one of the principal features of the peace negotiations marking the end of the European war, according to a neutral diplomat here. The information would not have been made public, but it is a man who is considered here as thoroughly conversant with affairs in Russia.

"One has but to look at the map to realize that the power installed upon the islands of Imbros, Lemnos, Tenedos, and the group known as the Islands, will be the master of the Dardanelles and the approaches to them," said the diplomat. "The power at present is Great Britain. It is not for me to say what the Russian government thinks of seeing Great Britain in possession of such splendid sites for its establishment of another Gibraltar. I know, however, that the Russian government has already seriously considered that possibility, and on two occasions founded the British argument that its intentions were what the reply was, 'I do not know.'"

Up to last October the islands, with the exception of the Rabbit group, had been provisionally occupied by Greece by virtue of the Treaty of London. They are of great strategic importance, owing to their location in proximity to the entrance of the Dardanelles. In addition to controlling the approaches to the strait, the islands also command the adjacent Levantine European coastlines.

The largest of the Rabbit islands is only nine miles long and five miles wide, and about five miles from Yenikoi on the Anatolian coast. It consists of a single low hill, which is covered to the south by a series of steeply rising hills. On the southern coast of the island a harbor and base for small war craft, such as submarines, torpedoes, boats and destroyers, could be easily established. With the great range of modern guns, entry into, and exit from the Dardanelles could be controlled without difficulty from this position. A range of nine and a half miles makes the island an excellent base for the Turkish fleet. The forts at Kum Kaleh and Seddul-Bahr could be bombarded by batteries on Rabbit Island.

No less important in such a scheme as the island of Imbros, its eastern shore is situated about 13 miles from Seddul-Bahr, and 13 miles from the main channel of the Dardanelles entrance. The bay of the island is suited for naval stations with batteries on the shore, and the island could be easily defended. The batteries on Rabbit Island in an operation against ships waiting to enter or leave the strait. What this would mean is, however, a question which is beyond the scope of this article. It is borne in mind that on March 18, the Queen Elizabeth's main battery of 15-inch guns bombarded the fortress of Tenedos from a distance of about 18 miles. Since ships in the entrance would not have the excellent cover enjoyed by the Turkish batteries, a similar bombardment would have to be looked for. The batteries on Imbros and Rabbit islands would fire from a stationary base and would take their target anywhere close by.

With the islands of Lemnos also in possession of the power holding the bit and Imbros islands the Dardanelles could be closed lighter than ever, according to military and naval men here. This island is 11 miles from the entrance to the strait, and is a very important location and proper distance for a naval base. A naval base here would be a great advantage against the Dardanelles. While such a base could be established on Imbros Island, that point is too close to the Dardanelles and not centrally enough located to make it a base for that purpose. The British have already realized this, and while keeping a large number of vessels in the Gulf of Imbros, maintain their naval base against the Dardanelles at Lemnos.

The passage between Imbros and Lemnos islands is but 13 miles wide, and can easily be closed by batteries on the opposite shores. The passage between Lemnos and the island of Tenedos could be commanded by coast batteries and the warships established at the Lemnos base. In this manner Greece, from and ingress to the Dardanelles, could be rendered most difficult, if not impossible, whenever it pleased the power holding these islands to make them so. That the possession of the islands of Imbros, Lemnos, and Tenedos would be made a strong military and political factor, was realized by the convention of London, which turned the Balkan war. Greece was permitted to provisionally occupy these islands, from which Greece had neither the interest, nor the means, to fortify them, nor the means to fortify them. The majority of their inhabitants were Greek. The islands were occupied by Great Britain last October, and December the process of gradual assimilation extending practically to this date, however, it was only recently the British government announced the temporary occupation of the island of Lemnos or Metrosia. Greek military and civil authority has become a masterpiece in the islands.

What amounts to a virtual blockade of the Bulgarian port of Dedagatz, by the British fleet, has also drawn attention to the occupancy by the British of the Aegean islands. Dedagatz is only 45 miles from Imbros Island, a fact which has caused the Bulgarian press to view conditions in the northeast reaches of the Aegean sea with considerable anxiety and resentment. Since the Greek port of Salonika would also be under the influence of a strong British base near the Dardanelles, no satisfaction with the new status of the island has been expressed by the Greek press. Especially since the "wholesale" bringing-in of Greek vessels by the British fleet.

A daughter was born to Princess Albert wife of the third son of the Kaiser.

THE COURTLAND SCHOOL
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MISS MARY J. MINER, Principal
Twenty-fifth year begins Thursday, Sept. 23. Attractive building, adequate equipment, competent instruction. Ask for copy of school booklet at your stationer's. Personal consultation after September 15. L24

STORE CLOSED ALL NEXT WEEK

At 9 o'clock on Saturday evening the store will close and remain closed for some days until the new store has been completely prepared for the reception of the public. Then the Grand Opening will take place, and we will welcome all of our friends to Bridgeport's newest and most modern Department Store.

Watch Newspaper Announcements For Date of Grand Opening.

Sensational Windup of The Big Clearance Sale

Friday and Saturday will be the last two days of the Mammoth Clearance Sale—and beyond all question they will be the two greatest days of the entire sale. Price-cutting in this or any other sale has never been so radical—money-saving opportunities have never been so inviting—as in this wonderful climax to a remarkable event. It will hardly be necessary to urge your early attendance if you carefully note the special values listed below:

15c to 39c Embroideries

Oddstand Ends of Embroideries, Insertions and Edgings, 1 to 2 1/2 inches wide, and formerly sold from 15c to 39c—to be closed out at **6c**

25c to 49c Neckwear for Women

Lace collars, organdie and embroidered lawn collars, and fancy organdie sets, formerly 25c to 49c—to be closed out at **15c**

Silk Gloves that were 79c

16-button length Gloves, in black only, self-stitched, sizes 5 1/2 to 8 1/2—on Friday and Saturday only **39c**

25c and 50c Mesh Veilings

Trilaine, Heetagon, shadow meshes; white, brown, black, and magpie; formerly 25c and 50c yd.—now only **14c**

Children's Hose, the regular 25c value—2 pair for

In cashmere and silk tulle, blue, pink and good colors, on Friday and Saturday—2 pairs for **25c**

Odd Lots of Knit Underwear

Regular 39c, 29c and 25c Union Suits for women; also knit vests and pants, to be closed out at **15c**

PRICELESS EXHIBIT OF NEEDLEWORK IS SEEN IN STRATFORD

Many Articles Displayed At Church Benefit Are More Than 200 Years Old.

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Sept. 9.—A most beautiful exhibit of needlework, and modern needlework, bead work, crocheting and knitting was shown at the home of Mrs. Lillian Sellock, 2617 North Main street yesterday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock. The purpose of the exhibit was to help defray the cost of the building of the new Christ church parish house. More than 300 people visited the elaborate display. The two spacious parlors were filled with many priceless pieces of work. According to an estimate given it was thought that the different articles would value over \$100,000.

Among the most notable pieces of work were a pair of stockings made from the hair of a St. Bernard dog owned by the late Judge Andrew Sellock of Norwalk which Mrs. Julia Olmstead, great aunt of Mrs. Lillian Sellock, spun, carded and made into thread when 80 years of age; a wedding veil over 200 years old worn by Mrs. Betty Olmstead the fourth great grandmother of Mrs. Lillian Sellock. Among the other exhibits are wool heckel, 200 years old, for carding wool, oil paintings, embroidery, wax work, hat work, English copper plating, and hand made needle work of each decade dating from the 17th century to the present time.

At the entrance to the south front parlor the large doors were draped with crocheted and knitted spreads. The chairs and couches laden with waist, dresses and bead work. The most noted were a baptismal dress made in 1845 and worn by the father of Miss Emma Allen, assistant town clerk, a bed spread made in Virginia in 1820 owned by Mrs. A. G. Gunther of Academy Hill. Woven in the spread is an urn with flowers, flowers with birds of paradise and other tropical birds amid the foliage. The lace and bead work of Mrs. Frank Hanson and Mrs. Charles Judson are specimens of great value.

Two of the most interesting pieces of work were small bags made by native Indians. These bags are rich in color. They are owned by Miss Sarah

GEORGE O. ALLIS, CENTENARIAN, HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friends and Relatives Unite in Celebrating His 100th Anniversary.

Friends and relatives of George O. Allis, who until several months ago resided at Columbus Farm, Stratford, helped him celebrate his 100th birthday Tuesday. Mr. Allis is now living at the home of his daughter in Waterbury.

Although much older in years than most of the oldest men in the country, Mr. Allis is still strong and healthy. His faculties are as keen as ever. He doesn't attribute his long life to anything in particular other than the general good care he has taken of himself. He smokes now and has been smoking most of his life.

Fifty-four of his 55 relatives attended the celebration in Waterbury. On Wednesday open house was held for his friends and neighbors and many helped observe the occasion.

Friends of Mr. Allis in this vicinity received postal on which were photographs taken Tuesday in the garden of his Waterbury home, showing him sitting, reading a book. They were inscribed "Sept. 7, 1815 to Sept. 7, 1915 Birthday Souvenir from George O. Allis."

Mr. Allis is the grandfather of the late George O. Lines and great grandfather of George O. Lines, Jr., of Per & Lines. Besides the latter, his great grand children in this vicinity are Eleanor Lines Powell and Henry Lines. In Stratford he had lived with Mrs. Josephine Lines, but when the changes that have taken place at Columbus Farm because of the sale to the Wentworth club, were made, Mr. Allis moved to Waterbury.

FINED FOR PILING 10 INTO 5-PASSENGER CAR.
For overcrowding his jitney car to the extent of carrying ten passengers, Arthur Derly, driver and owner of a local jitney, was fined \$2 by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today. The ordinance allows 8 passengers in a 5-passenger car.

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NOW LEXFORD BROTHERS BUY
West Side and West End Y

DORSEN'S

MAIN, ELM & MIDDLE STREETS.

EXTRA SPECIAL

A big bargain table filled with odds and ends that will be closed out Friday and Saturday regardless of former price. These will go quickly.

Muslin Night Gowns, Petticoats, Combinations and Chemises, formerly sold at \$1.00 and more **38c**
Odd Lots of Colored Petticoats, extra sizes, formerly sold up to \$1.50
Full length Kimonos, good colors, trimmed with collar and belt, or in Empire effect, \$1.00 value
Some of the lots are extensive, some limited; but the woman who wants a real bargain will surely find it here.

Any Coat in Stock now at \$5.75

Here you can pick from our choicest Silk, Poplin, Gabardine, or Serge Coats. Well made, good style, lined with beau de cygne. In this rare offering are Ladies' and Misses' Coats that sold from \$15 to \$25. Your Choice Friday and Saturday at \$5.75.

Any Tailored Suit here for \$2.75

There's style, workmanship and real service in these Suits—some of them sold up to \$25.00. But we must close everyone of them out, and out they will go at \$2.75. Some good black and navy serges, checks, and Copenhagen among them.

These Children's Dresses Are Wonderful Values

All are reduced—and mothers who know bargains will grab them up quickly. The materials are percales, gingham, voiles and repp.

\$3.00 Dresses to be closed at **\$1.49** \$1.50 Dresses to be closed at **79c**
\$2.00 Dresses to be closed at **98c** \$1.25 and \$1.00 Dresses at **67c**

Not a great many of them and all we have will go on Friday and Saturday.

WE THANK ALL CUSTOMERS

For the patience and forbearance manifested during the work of tearing down and rebuilding which has been going on here for several months. The new store is almost completed, and our great task now is to push on the work of arranging new departments, opening up fresh, new stocks, and preparing all things for the Opening to take place soon. Please make a note of the Opening date when announced—and be sure to be here.

WAIST BARGAINS 50c Fine Dollar Waist Only 50c

One of the best bargains that Bridgeport women have ever enjoyed—and those who are bargain-wise, will buy two or three of them. There are Dainty Lawns, Voiles, Crepe de Chine and Jap Silk Waists in the lot—all made well, in good style, and desirable in every way. See them on Bargain Table, Main Floor.

A Real Clearance Bargain for the Men

Silk Hose, well known brand, all sizes, black and colors, 50c regularly—Clearance price only **16c**

Children's Raincoats—\$2.95 Sizes 6 to 14, Value \$2.95

Now is the time to pick up a real bargain in good Raincoats for Fall and Winter wear. In this lot are Tweeds and Fine materials—rain and storm proof. Every child will be glad to get one at this final clearance price—\$2.95.

Evening Dresses \$5.75 that were up to \$15

There are not many of them to be sure—but the offering is all the more exceptional on that account. Dainty Taffetas and Motor Party and Evening Gowns that you always pay \$15 or more for are offered in this lot at only \$5.75.

RESERVIST WHO PERJURED SELF SENT TO PRISON

New York, Sept. 9.—Gustav Stahl, the German reservist who swore he saw four guns on the Lusitania just before she sailed from here on her last trip, but later admitted his affidavit was false and entered a plea of guilty to perjury, was today sentenced by Federal Judge Hough to 18 months imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$1.

More Candidates In Stratford For Primary Election

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Sept. 9.—Town Clerk Harold C. Lovell has received a number of new names of candidates who will run for office at the coming primary election to be held September 21 at the town hall from 12 o'clock at noon until 8:30 o'clock in the evening. Among those forwarded yesterday were Walter Goodard, town treasurer; James P. Hale, constable; Charles Abercrombie, registrar of voters; George A. Bateman, registrar of voters; Charles F. Judson, Henry P. Meacham, Minnie L. Judson and Madeline Holmes, library directors for term of four years each; Martin Knapp, selectman; Richard L. Stanton, assessor; Frederick G. Bevans, board of relief; Kingsley B. Hill, auditor; Gilbert Y. Edwards, auditor; William Williamson, selectman; and John J. Williams, selectman.

BOY SCOUTS OF STATE WILL MEET OCTOBER 16.

Waterbury, Sept. 9.—The date for the state meet of boy scouts to be held in this city, was decided today. The meet will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, with a parade in the forenoon and contests in the afternoon. An attendance from 700 to 1,000 scouts is expected.

The Holland-American liner Rotterdam left London for New York.

Several forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Stratton and Pine Wood, Minnesota.

STOLE FATHER'S BIG TOURING CAR TO GO HUNTING OUT WEST

Massachusetts Youngsters Found Here With Big Car And No Funds.

Eugene Neas, aged 12, of Arlington, Mass., and David Dalley, aged 14, of Somerville, Mass., were apprehended in Stratford yesterday afternoon by Detective George Simons and are being held at police headquarters awaiting the arrival of their parents. Intent on taking a trip as far west as Arkansas in a sports car, a valuable touring car, the property of Florence Neas, a rich produce dealer located at 55 Longwharf, Boston, Mass., the two youngsters had with them a complete supply of blankets and other bed necessities as well as a Remington repeating rifle, a .38 calibre revolver, fully loaded, tennis racquets, croquet balls, fishing tackle and everything that would be needed to make up a complete camping outfit. When arrested by Detective Simon in Stratford Neas had but 24 cents in his pocket while Dalley was penniless. Neas told the officer of the law that in passing over the toll bridge at Saybrook, Conn., he was forced to deposit with the toll collector a large diamond stud the property of his father, which was valued at \$100.

The car which is valued at approximately \$4,000 was driven by the 12 year old son of Neas who is apparently an adept at handling the machine. On retiring for the night the youngsters would stop the car at some dark spot along a country road, spread their blanket and go to sleep as unconcerned as could be. It was their intention to go on a "hunting trip" in the Ozarks, according to young Neas, who claims to be experienced in bear hunting.

They will probably be returned to their respective homes tomorrow and the rest of the tale will most likely be buried in the wood shed as the father of the Neas boy has expressed himself as being very indignant over the action of his son.

Richard Peltzer, director of the Woomann line of Manburg, was appointed a director of the Hamburg-American line.

Public Market Drivers Strike For Higher Wage

The drivers of the Bridgeport Public Market, who are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, held a little strike all of their own this morning when in a body they dropped the lines and steering wheels of nine wagons and automobiles in front of the place and quit work. The proprietors at once notified their patrons that deliveries could not be made this morning but that a new force of drivers would be installed by afternoon. The walk out occurred after the drivers had submitted demands for an increase in wages from an average of \$12 and \$14 to \$16.50. A refusal of the company to grant this increase in lieu of shorter hours brought about the strike.

Drivers claim that their hours begin at 7:30 and are indefinite, especially on Saturdays, when in some cases they are continued until midnight. No picketing will be resorted to though there is talk of the drivers becoming affiliated with the teamster's union of the A. F. of L.

Pseudo-Physician Held For Swindling Members of Masons

Leopold Keller, giving his residence as Holyoke, Mass., was arraigned before Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in the city court today, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from various members of the Masonic order in Bridgeport. Five counts are to be placed against him. His case was continued until Tuesday under bonds of \$1,000 in default of which he was remanded to the county jail. Keller makes a living under the guise of being an examining physician sent out by the Masonic order. He was released Tuesday from the Arlington, Mass., penitentiary where he had completed a sentence of 10 months on the same charge. His local offense was committed over a year ago and he was turned over to the local authorities on being discharged from the Massachusetts prison.

FALLS FROM TROLLEY CAR

Carl Johnson, living at 1885 Stratford avenue, fell from a moving East Main street trolley car near East Main and Cedar streets at 7:50 last evening and suffered concussion of the brain. Johnson was removed to Bridgeport hospital. His recovery is expected.